

Poultry Review

Maryland **broiler production** ranked eighth among the states in pounds of broilers produced and seventh among the states in the number of broilers produced in 2000. Broilers continue to lead Maryland's Agricultural Cash Receipts, bringing in 31% of the State's total cash receipts for the year. With an average price \$0.34 per pound, the total cash receipts from broilers declined to \$462 million. This was below last year's average of \$0.36 per pound, for cash receipts of \$530 million for 1999. Maryland growers raised 283 million broiler chickens in 2000, down from 294 million during 1999. The average weight of a broiler was 4.8 pounds, down from 1999's 5.0 pound average.

hatched in commercial hatcheries, a 2 percent decrease from the 1999 total of 364 million. Placement of chicks for grow out in the State in 2000 was 298 million, falling from 310 million in 1999.

Egg production declined in 2000 to 845 million eggs, down from 894 million in 1999. The average number of layers during 2000 was 3.25 million, slightly below the average of 3.34 million layers during 1999.

Turkey production during the 2000 production year was 440 thousand birds which were worth \$6.62 million; compared to 600 thousand birds worth \$6.45 million in 1999.

In 2000, 357 million broiler-type chicks were

Broiler Production and Value

